

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 12 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of July 1, 2005.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1 through 12 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 12 of U.S. Patent 6,808,947.

Claims 1 through 12 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 12 of U.S. Patent 6,555,400.

In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing terminal disclaimers to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimers should not be construed as acquiescence in the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Attached are the terminal disclaimers and accompanying fees.

Applicants submit that claims 1 through 12 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art.

Applicants request the allowance of claims 1 through 12 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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